



# Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/14/2026

Time: 12:15 PM

Location: University of Washington YMCA, R.303

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## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Speaker Scholten calls the meeting to order at 12:26 PM.

## **II. ROLL CALL**

Education Senator Chrystal Gonzales B.	Excused
Engineering & Technology Senator Eamon Challinor C.	Present
Milgard Business Senator Jayven Coppage E.	Present
Pre-Major Senate Zaid Naamat F.	Present
Social Work & Criminal Justice Senator Kailey Lawless G.	Present
IAS: Politics Philosophy, & Public Affairs Bryce Scholten H.	Present
IAS: Science and Mathematics Joshua Barnes	Present
Commuter Senator L Haueter	Excused

Members of the Public:

ASUWT Advisor Buddy

## **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Senator Naamat moves to approve the agenda; Senator Barnes seconds the motion.

**5-0-1 motion passes**

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Challinor moves to approve the minutes; Senator Naamat seconds the motion.

**5-0-1 motion passes**

#### V. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

- A member of the public identifies themselves as Jacob and makes comments on the following topics:
  - Expresses concerns about President Watkins, the Legislative Agenda, and actions taken by lobbyists at committee days and legislative session
  - Refers to “rogue senators” pushing a bill in Seattle and questions the actions of said senators
  - Refers to legal actions against specific ASUWT members/advisors
  - Questions the accountability and advocacy of ASUWT
- Terrell Stalwoth, City Liaison, shares updates regarding their current work:
  - Progress being made in active engagement within community movements across Tacoma
  - Focusing on intentionally connecting ASUWT to initiatives to establish student government as a consistent presence in the community
  - Presented at City Council, highlighting student needs and calling for collaboration.
  - Invited City Council to the legislative reception
  - Will begin classroom visits to increase student awareness and trust within ASUWT
  - Met with Sarah Rumbaugh (City Council member) regarding ongoing conversations around student parking

#### VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- [Executive Session]: Present & Discuss candidates for both the vacant ASUWT Court 17 Senator position, and the vacant ASUWT Transfer Senator position.
  - Senator Barnes moves to enter Executive Session; Senator Naamat seconds.
  - **5-0-1 motion passes**
  - **Session begins at 12:33 and ends after 10 minutes at 12:43PM.**
- [Vote]: To interview candidate for the vacant ASUWT Court 17 Senator position in the next Senate meeting.

- Senator Barnes moves to interview candidate for the vacant ASUWT Court 17 Senator position in the next Senate meeting; Senator Challinor seconds.
  - **5-0-1 motion passes**
- [Vote]: To interview candidate for the vacant ASUWT Transfer Senator position in the next Senate meeting.
  - Senator Coppage moves to interview the candidate for the vacant ASUWT Transfer Senator position in the next Senate meeting; Senator Naamat seconds
  - **5-0-0 motion passes**
- [Discussion]: ASUWT 2026 Legislative Session Agenda
  - Senator Barnes asks that Research/Science related topics be included in the Legislative Agenda, as they are not currently highlighted. He notes that if it is not the main focus of the session, that is alright, but he asks that it still be highly considered.
  - Senator Coppage notes that the wording is vague in certain places, specifically under State Priorities. He expresses concern that this vagueness could be used to in a way that goes against ASUWT's intentions and asks that the wording be changed.
- [Vote]: Approve or Revise ASUWT 2026 Legislative Session Agenda
  - Senator Naamat moves to revise the wording to be more specific; Senator Coppage notes again the specific 3 points under State Priorities where "all" is listed.
  - Senator Challinor seconds the motion.
  - **4-0-1 motion passes (as stated on the record; one senator did not vote)**

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- [Discussion]: Creating official ASUWT Removal from Office hearing process
  - Discussion regarding the intention of this discussion topic follows.
  - Ideas populate regarding establishing an appeal system, a committee or task force to develop the appeal process, who should manage this creation process.
  - A judicial committee is also discussed as an option
  - Many express their feeling that having the Director of Internal Affairs directly involved with the process feels more natural than Senate taking the lead
  - A time-limit during which a removed entity can appeal their removal is discussed, as well as the potential to enforce hearings to be in a public

session rather than executive session so that minutes could be shared with the public. It is suggested that releasing the complaint and defense packets could be added as well.

- Following the discussion, Speaker Scholten states they will create an email thread with the Director of Internal Affairs and the senators to get the ball rolling.
- [Executive Session]: Present & Discuss candidates the vacant ASUWT Urban Studies Senator Position
  - Senator Naamat moves to enter Executive Session to present & discuss candidates for the vacant ASUWT Urban Studies Senator Position; Senator Coppage seconds.
  - **5-0-0 motion passes**
  - Executive Session is entered at 1:05PM, lasts 7 minutes, and ends at 1:12PM.
- [Vote]: To interview candidate for the vacant ASUWT Urban Studies Senator position in the next Senate meeting.
  - Senator Naamat moves to interview candidate for the vacant ASUWT Urban Studies Senator position in the next Senate meeting; Senator Coppage seconds.
  - **5-0-0 motion passes**
- [Discussion]: President Watkins provides an update to Senate regarding removal of DoLa (Director of Legislative Affairs) and replacement process
  - Since President Watkins was unable to attend, Advisor Buddy briefly presents regarding the possibility of succession for the DoLa position by Heba (Legislative Liaison). He also clarifies that the past DoLa was removed.
  - Senator Coppage asks why the past DoLa was removed, which Advisor Buddy clarifies he is unable to discuss personnel details due to student protections.
- [Vote]: Approval of Legislative Liaison to succeed outgoing DoLa in their position.
  - Yes: Liaison becomes DoLa, No: Liaison does not become DoLa.
    - Senator Barnes moves to table the vote; Senator Challinor seconds.
    - **4-0-1 motion passes**

## VIII.SENATOR UPDATES

- Senator Naamat

- Will be doing classroom visits starting in the next month to meet pre-major students and share with them what ASUWT is and how it serves them
- Senator Lawless
  - Working to put together a workshop of legal expungements and vacates in collaboration with ASUWT and the Evergreen Empowerment Group; will take place March 5<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) in Milgard 110 from 12:30-2:30
  - Will help students clean up their backgrounds so nothing holds them back from licensure/certificates where you need a clean record to sit for the exams
- Senator Coppage
  - Internship panel where students will share their experiences will be held in Milgard 311 on January 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:20pm-1pm.
  - Professional clothing closet idea is moving forward as he works with Terrel and Livia Petzinger for a possible pop-up event
  - Would like to schedule a time for Livia to visit a Senate meeting and share about potential future partnership
  - Shares they were able to send a survey through the Director of Outreach using DubNet
- Senator Barnes
  - Shares they would like to be involved with the clothing closet project as it seems like it would be helpful to SAM students as well.
  - Representing ASUWT on the Chancellor's Sustainability Committee and work is being done with regard to the faculty and facilities. Offers to assist with connecting people to the chancellor's office regarding sustainability needs as desired.
  - Student Sustainability Committee meets on alternating Wednesdays in the afternoon, recommends getting involved.
  - Working to unify the voices of SIAS as a school.
  - Working with the Office of First Generation Students to flesh out the idea of a snack cart available to students after labs; if anyone has suggestions for funding, please reach out
- Senator Challinor
  - Expresses interest in the clothing closet as well
  - SET career dinner: collaboration is occurring between SET student committee and the YMCA director

## **IX. ADVISOR UPDATES**

- Advisor Buddy: Lots of marketing work and collaboration between the Husky Sustainability Fund and other groups taking place

## **X. CHAIR UPDATES**

- Working with President Watkins on potential expansion of the Gates School of Law, notes this will most likely be of interest to many Senators and students alike
- Has invited Bronwyn Clark, a past Director of Finance for ASUWT, to attend an event at some upcoming time. She is Parks Commissioner #3, so hopes many will benefit from connecting with her.

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

- Senator Naamat moves to approve to adjourn; Senator Coppage seconds the motion.
- **5-0-1 motion passes**
- The meeting is adjourned at 1:32PM.